

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and clerical errors of the specification have been amended.

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1 and 2 were objected to, and claims 1-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawai. On page 3 of the Action, claims 6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai.

In view of the objection and rejections, claims 1, 3 and 8 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled, and new claims 10 and 11 have been filed.

Kawai is directed to a base mounting structure including a base 10 with a hinge portion 11, and a cable holding portion 40 attached to the base 10. The base 10 includes a locking portion 42 at one side, and the cable holding portion 40 has a latch flange 44 engaging the locking portion 42. The base 10 also includes mounting portions 17, 27 and engaging members 30a, 30b, by which the base is attached to a board 50.

The attaching device in claim 1 is basically formed of a clip main member having a first part and a second part engaging together for forming a gap therebetween to sandwich the attaching portion of the band therein. The basic structure of the invention is similar to Kawai.

However, the attaching device of the invention further includes pressing portions formed on an inner side of one of the first and second parts to project toward the other of the first and second parts for elastically pressing the attaching portion of the band, and projections formed on an inner side of the other of the first and second parts and projecting toward the pressing portions for sandwiching the attaching portion therebetween.

Kawai does not have the pressing portions and the projections formed on the inner sides of the first and second parts. Actually,

the inner sides of the base and the cable holding portions 40 are flat, and no projections are formed thereon.

In Kawai, the latch flange 44 and the locking portion 42 project from the cable holding portion 40 and the base 10, respectively. However, the latch flange 44 and the locking portion 42 directly engage together, and do not hold a cable therebetween. Therefore, the latch flange 44 and the locking portion 42 do not constitute the pressing portions and the projections of the invention.

In the Action, it was held that there are elastically pressing portions (Figs. 3A, 3B), and each part has elastically projecting pressing portions (43, 11). However, as explained above, there are no members corresponding to the pressing portions and the projections of the invention.

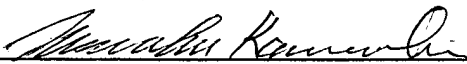
As explained above, claim 1 is not disclosed or even suggested by Kawai.

Claim 9 includes the pressing portions and the projections as explained above. Therefore, claim 9 is not obvious from Kawai.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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